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"AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 51-345 of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

6 (a) Except as provided in section 51-348 and subsections (b) to (g),
7 inclusive, of this section, all civil process shall be made returnable to a
8 judicial district, as follows:

9 (1) If all the parties reside outside this state, to the judicial district
10 where (A) the injury occurred, (B) the transaction occurred, or (C) the
11 property is located or lawfully attached.

12 (2) If the defendant is not a resident, to the judicial district where the

13 attached property is located.

14 (3) If either or both the plaintiff or defendant are residents of this
15 state, to the judicial district where either the plaintiff or defendant
16 resides, except:

17 (A) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of
18 Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or Enfield, the action may
19 be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial
20 district of Hartford or the judicial district of Tolland.

21 (B) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of
22 Plymouth, the action may be made returnable at the option of the
23 plaintiff to either the judicial district of New Britain or the judicial
24 district of Waterbury.

25 (C) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of
26 Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the action may be
27 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial
28 district of New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford.

29 (D) If either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of
30 Southbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the
31 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial
32 district of Waterbury.

33 (E) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of Darien,
34 Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport or
35 Wilton, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff
36 to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the judicial
37 district of Fairfield.

38 (F) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of
39 Watertown or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the
40 option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the
41 judicial district of Litchfield.

42 (G) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of Avon,

43 Canton, Farmington or Simsbury, the action may be made returnable
44 at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or
45 the judicial district of New Britain.

46 (H) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of
47 Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be made
48 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of
49 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for actions
50 where venue is in the geographical area as provided in section 51-348
51 or in rules of court.

52 (I) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of
53 Cromwell, the action may be made returnable at the option of the
54 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district
55 of Middlesex.

56 (J) If either the plaintiff or defendant resides in the town of New
57 Milford, the action may be made returnable at the option of the
58 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district
59 of Litchfield.

60 (b) In all actions involving the title to land, for trespass to land and
61 to foreclose or redeem mortgages or liens upon real property, civil
62 process shall be made returnable to the judicial district where the real
63 property is located, either entirely or in part, except:

64 (1) If the land is located in the town of Manchester, East Windsor,
65 South Windsor or Enfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant
66 resides in the town of Manchester, East Windsor, South Windsor or
67 Enfield, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff
68 to either the judicial district of Hartford or the judicial district of
69 Tolland.

70 (2) If the land is located in the town of Plymouth and either the
71 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Plymouth, the action
72 may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the
73 judicial district of New Britain or the judicial district of Waterbury.

74 (3) If the land is located in the town of Bethany, Milford, West
75 Haven or Woodbridge and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides
76 in the town of Bethany, Milford, West Haven or Woodbridge, the
77 action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either
78 the judicial district of New Haven or the judicial district of Ansonia-
79 Milford.

80 (4) If the land is located in the town of Southbury and either the
81 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Southbury, the action
82 may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the
83 judicial district of Ansonia-Milford or the judicial district of
84 Waterbury.

85 (5) If the land is located in the town of Weston, Westport or Wilton
86 and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in any one of these
87 towns, the action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff
88 to either the judicial district of Stamford-Norwalk or the judicial
89 district of Fairfield.

90 (6) If the land is located in the town of Watertown or Woodbury and
91 either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of Watertown
92 or Woodbury, the action may be made returnable at the option of the
93 plaintiff to either the judicial district of Waterbury or the judicial
94 district of Litchfield.

95 (7) If the land is located in the town of Avon, Canton, Farmington or
96 Simsbury and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town
97 of Avon, Canton, Farmington or Simsbury, the action may be made
98 returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial district of
99 Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain.

100 (8) If the land is located in the town of Newington, Rocky Hill or
101 Wethersfield and either the plaintiff or the defendant resides in the
102 town of Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield, the action may be
103 made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either the judicial
104 district of Hartford or the judicial district of New Britain, except for
105 actions where venue is in the geographical area as provided in section

106 51-348 or in rules of court.

107 (9) If the land is located in the town of New Milford and either the
108 plaintiff or the defendant resides in the town of New Milford, the
109 action may be made returnable at the option of the plaintiff to either
110 the judicial district of Danbury or the judicial district of Litchfield."